CATHOLICS' CONGRESS.

An Important Church Conference Called to Meet in Chicago

DURING THE EXPOSITION OF 1893.

Iducation, the Social Question and Independence of the lopa

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The call for a congress of the Catholies of the United States, to be held in Chicago during the World's Fair, was issued this evening. It is signed by Archbishop Feehan, Chairman of the Committee on Organization. Following is

The happy occasion of the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in the City of Chicago from May to November, 1883, is cerhain to be an event of world-wide and per-manent interest, In connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, and equally ander the recognition of the Government and of the Directory of the Exposition, a series of world's congresses have been projected. These congresses are designed to be representative of and to include almost every form and phase of human activity-moral, social and industrial-and their aim, as declared in the programme, is to "influence for good the prosperity, unity and hapniness of the world."

The Columbian Catholic Congress of the United States will be convened in Chicago, Monday, September 4, 1898, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of the subject and question embraced in the official programme. The congress will be under the orary presidency of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbisnop of Baltimore,

The Plan of Representation. The congress will be composed of delediocese and vicariate, ten delegates at large, and five additional delegates for every 25,000 of the Catholic population in such diocese and vicariate, as shown by the Catholic Directory (Sudlier's) for 1893; and proportionately for fractions of 25,000. These delegates shall be appointed by the These delegates shall be appointed by the Bishop or acting ecclesiastical superior of the diocese or vicariate, and the delegates so chosen are to be reported to the Committee on Organization on or before August I. 1898. In addition, every Catholic university, codege and seminary for young men shall be entitled to send delegates at large and one additional delegate for every 100 students regularly enrolled in such institution for the collegiate year 1892-1893.

The decision arrived at by the Committee on Organization defines the scope of the congress as follows: To the consideration of the "Social Question," as outlined by Leo XIII. in his encyclical on that subject; to which shall be added the question of "Catholic Education" and "The Independence of the Holy Sec." Accordingly, the papers to be prepared in advance to be read at the congress will be devoted to the sub-jects under these limitations.

The Programme of Topics. The following is suggested as the order and sub-division of the subjects for the different papers:

First—The discovery of the New World. Second—Columbus, his character and mis

Ston.
Third—The results and consequences to religion and to civilization of the discovery. Fourth—The missionary work of the church in the New World.
Fifth—The influence of the Catholic Church on the political, civil and social institutions of the United States.
Sixth—Isabella, the Catholic.

THE SOCIAL QUESTION. First-The encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. on

Second-The rights of labor; the duties of Third-Pauperism and the remedy. Fourth-Public and private charities-

how to make them more effective and bene Fifth-Workingmen's societies and socie-

Sixth—Life insurance and pension funds for wage-workers.
Seventh—Trade combinations and strikes. Eighth—Limmigration and colonization. Ninth—Intemperance.
Tenth—The condition and future of the Indians in the United States.
Eleventh—The condition and future of the negro race in the United States.
Twelfth—The work of women in religion and in the world.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS. First-Catholic education in the United Second-The independence of the Holy Sec.

Practical Results Are Expected.

The congress must be prepared to propose practical reforms. It will not suffice that it shall have been the medium and opportunity for the delivery of clever essays and cloquent addresses on the various themes. The highest capacities of trained scholars and thinkers, it is expected, will be enlisted in the consideration and treatment of

the subjects proposed to the congress.

The call proceeds to say that all men feel and admit that the present relations of labor and capital are strained and unreasonable; that civil and social order are ser-lously mensced, trade and business hamnered. An entente cordiale is to be sought and is assuredly to be found somewhere. Why not in and by the Catholic Church? That Church is the friend of the poor and of the oppressed; the inflexible foe to in-justice of whatever kind, wherever found, and is recognized by all as the synonym for authority, the champion of law and order; hence the public will watch with in-terest the deliberations of this congress. The utmost freedom of discussion is invited in the sections.

Working on the Consolidation.

Another meeting of the people interested in the consolidation of the P., A. & M. and Pleasant Valley roads was held yesterday. It was expected that the combination would be effected, but the matter was postponed for another meeting next week, when Mr. Graham said the consolidation would be

A PLEASANT TRANSITION.

Frem the Discomforts of Cord Weather to the Delights of Balmy Summer in Mid-

winter.

From sleet and snow to baimy flower-perfumed atmosphere of summer is a desirable transition, especially when bitting zero weather has robbed outdoor life of all semblance of confort. This novel ohange is one of the possibilities and delichts of rapid transit. With every change of schedule on Southern trunk lines the sunny southland is drawn nearer to the temperate North. The recent change on the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg marks another advance in that direction. Pittsburgers can now take passage on one of the fast through trains over this popular thoroughfare to Cincinnat, where direct connection is made with through trains to New Orleans, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa, and the various Louisiana, Aiahama, Florida and Georgia resorts. The extremely low rates for four ist tickets from Pittsburg to Southern points offered by the Pennsylvania Lines increases the extraordinary inducements for a journey over them. The rates this season are lower than ever before. The new arrangement in through time and low fare is already receiving the stamp of approval from tourists, judging from the manuer in which District Passenger Agent Samuel Moody is kept busy in giving despided information to inquirers at his office, No. 1127 Liberty street. When it is considered that the friend you meet on the street in Pittsburg to-day bundled up in a big ulster can be taking it casy in a linen suit and straw hat with pain leaf fan trimming in less than 45 hours and the flowers and verdant vegetation in Southern Fiorida by going over the Pennsylvania Lines the advantages for an expeditions journey over those lines is apparent to some extent, and with due consideration for the reasonable expense of a trip via direct route it is natural that the first-class service should attract travelers and a larse volume of Southern passenger traffic can therefore be expected to flow via Cincinnati.

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QUICK JUSTICE.

One of the Huntington Train Robbers Con-

victed and Sentenced. HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 24. - Thomas Collins, one of the men who attempted to hold up the Chesapeake and Ohio vestibule train on the 13th instant, and who killed a German passenger in the encounter which ensued, was convicted in the Circuit Court here to-day of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation for life imprison

In this State the jury fixes the grade of first degree murder, and as they were not clear about who fired the shot in this case, they gave Collins the benefit, and he goes up for life. Forgev, his partner, will be tried next week. The verdict gives universal satisfaction.

JOHN L. A SICK MAN.

The Ex-Champion Has Fatty Degeneration

of the Heart. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Ex-Champion John L. Sullivan, who has been here during the week, playing in "The Man from Boston," and who has not been particularly careful of his health, was taken seriously sick during last night, and it is reported that the physician's examination disclosed very decided tendencies toward fatty degen-

eration of the heart.
It is stated as the physician's opinion that if he lives moderately and temperately, retraing from violent exertions and all undue excitements, he may go along very comfortably for years, but if he indulges in excesses of any kind, especially liquid ex-cesses, he is liable to die suddenly.

\$1,000,000 UNACCOUNTED FOR.

An Axworthy Witness Unable to Locate It, But Thinks It's All Right. CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.-The examination into the peculations of ex-City Treasurer

gates from the different dioceses and Axworthy was resumed to-day with his vicariates of the United States, viz: For each former assistant, C. H. Watking on the stand. The fact that the proceedings were resumed showed that the effort made yes-terday to obtain a settlement was fruit-The examination elicited the fact that Mr. Watkins was unable to locate \$1,000,000 which had been received from the county

officers on tax collections. He was of the opinion that a closer inspection of the records would clear up the matter, and he was directed to make the examination. Rattled and Robbed.

ZANESVILLE, Dec. 24. - [Special.] -George Lacy, of Dresden, yesterday entered a saloon. He displayed a large roll of money and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of toughs who wanted to make change for him. Becoming excited, he threw off his coat to fight. When he was quieted it was found he had been robbed of his money and gold watch.

She Ate Concentrated Lye. CADIZ, Dec. 24 .- [Special.]-Mrs. Laird Singer, a respected woman of this place, committed suicide this morning by eating nearly a half box of concentrated lye. The deed is attributed to despondency over the death of her husbond.

Ancient Oil Paintings On sale at 6:3 Smithfield street. These pictures were brought from Florence, Italy, and some are about 400 years old. One represents a Roman scene, snother a story of the Bible and others different scenes. Call and see them.

Merry Christmas. Delinquent purchasers, come and see us. We may have somethins to please you.

P. C. SCHOENECK & SQN,

711 Liberty, head of Wood street.

Happy New Year.

M'COURT WANTS A TRIAL

He Doesn't Wait for Requisition, but En ters Ohio and Submits to Arrest. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24. - John C. McCourt,

late agent of the Louisville and Nashville freight office in Cincinnati, for whose arrest for embezzlement a requisition was yesterday obtained, did not wait for the order of the Governor of Kentucky, but came over to Cincinnati and submitted to arrest. He immediately gave bail for \$10,-

Mr. McCourt continues to assert that no proofs can be found against him, and says if any due bills are discovered with his name attached they are forgeries.

A Coaster Disfigured for Life. MCKEESPORT, Dec. 24. - [Special.]-Grace, a young daughter of Morris Moore, was badly injured last night while coasting. She will be disfigured for life. Her nose was nearly severed from her face. A little companion who was with her was rendered anconscious, but not seriously injured.

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Musing and dreaming the time away.-Awake, fair maiden, 'tis Christmas Day. Better a merry than a musing mood on Christmas Day,

By the way, if you have overlooked any-thing in the way of optical goods-Opera and Eye Glasses, Etc.-come to us for it. Our assortment is as good as ever, though our stock is diminished, owing to large sales. Cheap as we always sell, we will sell cheaper this week. Want to dispose of all holiday goods.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hood's Cures

The marvellous our of Miss Lettie Huntley of Cortland, N. Y., has attracted widespread attention. She was nigh to death's door with hemorrhages caused by ulcers in the stomach. Could eat nothing. When the physicians said there was no hope, her mother

Miss muntiey. urged her to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. She rejuctantly consented, and in a few days felt stronger, bloating subsided, appetite gradually returned, and in a month she could walk across the room. In six months she was as well as ever in her life, and has been in perfect health eve since. She says: "I know that

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\$8.50 For Ladies' and Gents' "Dueber" gold filled case, American Watches, fitted with solid gold joints, hinges and thumb pieces. Warranted 20 years. Sold elsewhere at \$15.60 to \$20.00.

\$2.95

For Ladies', Girls' and Boys' solid Coin Silver Watches, warranted 3 years for time. Sold elsewhere at \$5.00 to \$8.00.

Men's and Boys' Watches, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.25 and up. Warranted 3 years for time.

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HOLIDAY GOODS

HALF PRICE.

Owing to our store being closed last week, we have a large stock of Rockers and Fancy Goods that we will sell at half price. Now is the time to buy. A rare chance for anybody that has not returned presents for the one received. Our line consists of

Fancy Rockers, Book Cases, Parlor and Music Cabinets.

In fact, everything in the way of Holiday Goods must be sold this week. Call and see us before going elsewhere to buy. We will save you from 25c to 50e on every dollar you spend.

CASH AND CREDIT.

PICKERING'S,

TENTH ST. AND PENN AVE.

CAN WE BE BUSY AFTER CHRISTMAS?

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We shall try, at any rate; and try hard. Some dealers take a snooze after Christmas. "No use trying," they say; "the week between Christmas and New Year's is the dullest of the year." We think this is a mistaken idea. A relic of old foggyism. We believe the people will buy goods after Christmas the same as before, if but the prices are low enough. Ours will be low enough this week, to be sure. We will sell OVERCOATS, SUITS, WRAPS, CLOAKS, SHOES, etc., etc., for less money than ever offered in this part of the country. :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

FOR CLOTHING.

MEN'S SUITS.

Former Price, \$10; Present Price, \$7. Former Price, \$12; Present Price, \$9. Former Price, \$15; Present Price, \$11. Former Price, \$18; Present Price, \$13. Former Price, \$20; Present Price, \$15. Former Price, \$25;

Former Price, \$30; Present Price, \$22.

BOYS' SUITS. Former Price, \$3; Former Price, \$4; Former Price, \$5; Former Price, \$6; Former Price, \$8; Former Price, \$10;

MEN'S OVERCOATS. Former Price, \$9; Present Price, \$6. Former Price, \$12; Present Price, \$9. Former Price, \$16; Present Price, \$12. Former Price, \$18; Present Price, \$13. Former Price, \$20; Present Price, \$15. Former Price, \$24; Present Price, \$17. Former Price, \$27; Present Price, \$20.

Present Price, \$18.

BOYS' OVERCOATS. Former Price, \$2; Present Price, \$1.35. Present Price, \$2.25. Former Price, \$4; Present Price, \$3. Present Price, \$3. Former Price, \$6; Present Price, \$3.50. Present Price, \$4.50. Former Price, \$8; Present Price, \$4. Present Price, \$5. Former Price, \$10; Present Price, \$5. Present Price, \$7. Former Price, \$12; Present Price, \$7. Present Price, \$8.

SAME REDUCTIONS AS THE ABOVE IN MEN'S AND BOYS' PANTS.

After Christmas Prices The Balance of Our Holiday Goods Now at Half Price.

We won't pack away any Holiday Goods till next year. We can't afford to carry dead capital. We much prefer to selling what is still left at about half former prices. This offering will give the recipients of Christmas Gifts a chance to reciprocate. Remember those who remembered you. Next Sunday will be New Year's, and New Year's will be the day to do it. So come in this week and take advantage of this special closing out sale:

ALL BRIC-A-BRAC AT HALF PRICE. ALL FANCY LAMPS AT HALF PRICE.

ALL CLOCKS AND BRONZES AT HALF PRICE. ALL PICTURES AND PAINTINGS AT HALF PRICE. ALL SILVER CASES AND BOXES AT HALF PRICE. ALL PLUSH CASES AND BOXES AT HALF PRICE. ALL TOYS AND DOLLS AT HALF PRICE. ALL SMOKING JACKETS AT HALF PRICE

Besides the above we have deep cuts in the prices of such goods as Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Pocketbooks, Fancy Leather Articles, Albums, Books, Bibles, Watches, Rings, Jewelry, Gloves, Fur Caps, Fur Collars, Fur Capes, Wraps, etc.

SALE OF THE ABOVE GOODS COMMENCES

TUESDAY MORNING.

will be closed out forthwith at astonishingly low prices. These remnants aggregate over 20,000 yards of fine Dress Goods, some big enough for a lady's dress; others long enough to make a girl's dress or a wrap.

SALE OF THESE REMNANTS BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY MORNING.

One lot Head Rests, formerly 29c; now 15c each. One lot Head Rests, formerly 35c; now 19c each. One lot Head Rests, formerly 75c; now 49c each. One lot Pillows, formerly 98c; now 69c each. One lot Pillows, formerly \$1.25; now 75c each. One lot Pillows, formerly \$2.00; now \$1.09 each.

Odds and ends in the Linen stock are to be closed out, commencing TUESDAY MORNING. Read these specimens:

A lot of Lunch Cloths, reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.29. A lot of 21/2 yards Cardinal Cloths, reduced from \$2 to \$1.69. A lot of 21/4 yards Turkey Red Cloths, reduced from \$1.89 to \$1.49.

A lot of Fancy Towels, reduced from 35c to 18c. A lot of Fancy Towels, reduced from 85c to 50c.

A lot of Bridal Quilts, reduced from \$6 to \$4.19. A lot of French Sateen Comfortables, reduced from \$5 to \$3.50. A lot of French Sateen Comfortables, reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.69.

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